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According to information learned 25X1A
the concentration of 70,000 to 80,000 men on a semi-circle around East Berlin is scheduled to begin on 30 August. In addition, between 500 and 800 Soviet soldiers wearing KVP uniforms were to be assigned to every two-kilometer section of this line. Three additional cordons were allegedly planned in the Dessau-Magdeburg, Rathenow-Schwerin and Meiningen-Suhl areas.

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Comment: reports on the KVP have previously been considered as good and reliable. However, it is believed that the above figures are exaggerated. The wearing of KVP uniforms by such a large number of Soviet soldiers is doubtful since the KVP itself does not possess an adequate supply. The information, however, may be related to the following facts:

- A. In mid-July, one or two KVP regiments were transferred to Berlin, probably from the area of Armeegruppe Nord. KVP troops have since been observed in Berlin.
- B. Between 3 and 5 August, three separate sources reported that nine KVP troop trains went from Prora to Berlin.
- C. Additional KVP reinforcements were expected to go to Berlin or to the area around Berlin.

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Comment: The use of the term "cordon" appears to be inappropriate in view of the extent of the areas mentioned. The implied meaning may have been that the troops were to be committed along lines between the aforementioned towns.

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